FY07 SOMERVILLE BUDGET HEARINGS

Police Department

Chief Robert Bradley

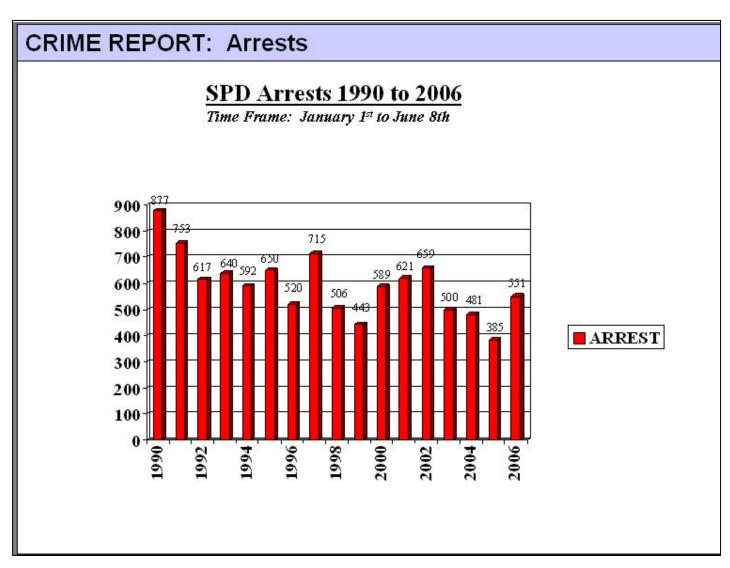


1. Resident Satisfaction Survey

- Conducted Spring 2006
- •400 residents interviewed, representing a crosssection of Somerville's population
- Preliminary results show a relatively high level of satisfaction with SPD

2. Crime Prevention and Enforcement:

Increased arrests 43% from FY05



3. Crime Prevention and Enforcement: Some Statistics

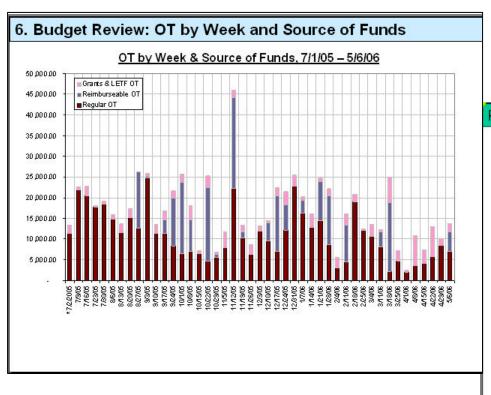
PART 1 CRIMES BY CATEGORY				
Crime report for period: May 20, 2005 to May 20, 2006				
VIOLENT CRIME	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006
Homicide	3	2	1	0
Sexual Assault	20	20	28	36
Robbery	133	97	120	157
Aggravated Assault	172	126	105	119
Violent Crime Total	328	245	254	312
PROPERTY CRIME				
Burglary	377	411	524	473
Larceny Non MV	834	515	542	731
Larceny from MV	396	488	436	288
Vehicle Theft	497	471	375	284
Property Crime Total	2104	1885	1877	1776
ALL PART 1 CRIME	2432	2130	2131	2088

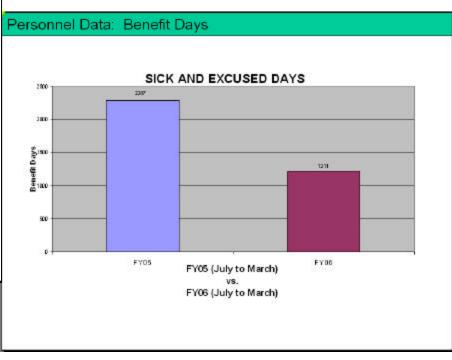
4. Investment in Training and Equipment: \$800,000 in FY06

- Upgraded Equipment: Guns, Radios, Patrol Cars
- Implemented Mandated and Elective Training: All officers have received at least 64 hours of in-house training.
 - Firearms training (all officers)
 - First responder certification (all)
 - Traffic Enforcement (all)
 - Racial Profiling (all)
 - Mobile Radio Training (all)
 - Weapons of Mass Destruction (all)
 - Breathalyzer (10)
 - Sexual Assault Investigation (all detectives)
 - Interview and Interrogation (2 detectives)
 - Crash Reconstruction (2 traffic officers)
 - Supervision and Management (2 officers)
 - Domestic Violence Training (2 officers)
 - Command Staff Training (3 supervisors)
 - Basic Crime Scene Investigation (4 detectives)

5. Improved Budget Oversight:

- Managed overtime within overall budget, drawing on reimbursable and grant sources
- Significantly reduced sick-time abuse: 47% decrease from FY05 to FY06 (July to March)





6. Organizational Development:

- Restored Domestic Violence Unit
- Restored Juvenile Investigative Unit
- Restored School Safety Officer
- **Restored Training Officer**

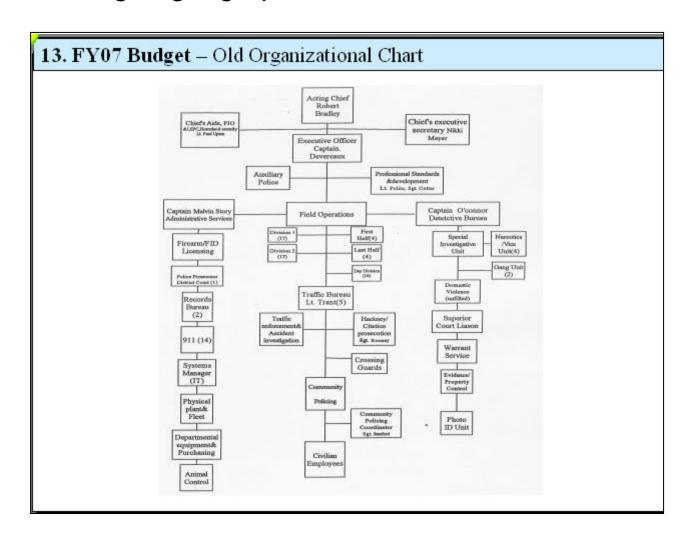
10. FY06 Goal Review – Follow up on Goals

- Develop a plan to create a DV unit...

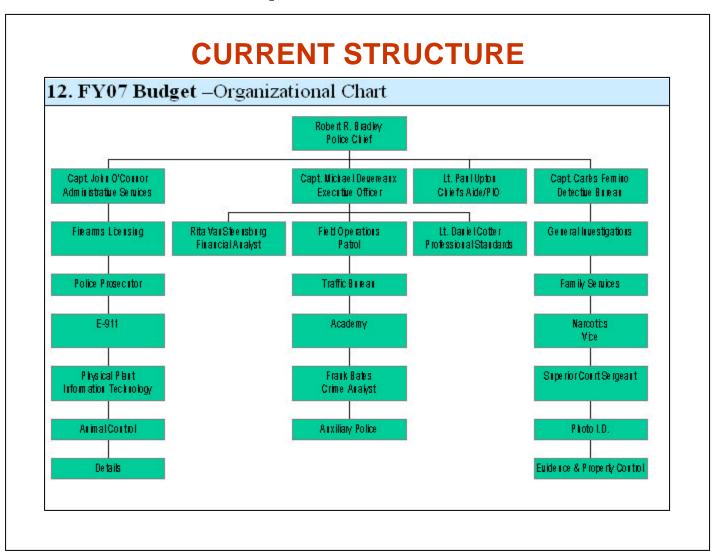
 •DV unit handles both domestic violence cases and sexual assaults.
- In times when the DV unit has not been in operation, sexual assault cases have been handled by a larger number of detectives. Though they were trained, they made mistakes during interviews, making subsequent prosecution much more difficult,
- Now, Officer Costa is assigned full-time to unit, and cases are handled in three ways:
 - •A family or domestic call comes in and patrol responds and take preliminary report. Officer Costa conducts follow-up, determines if the victim will prosecute, and connects the victim to resources, Alternately, a victim walks into the station and Officer Costa meets with her or him.
 - A sexual assault on an adult victim call comes in. Officer Costa responds, and, with the DA's Office, carries out "SAIN Interviews" (Sexual Assault Information Network) in which the DA's Office jointly conducts the interview to minimize the number of times the victim is interviewed.
 - A referral of a sexual assault on a child victim occurs (by Parent, DSS, Schools). Officer Costa follows up and again coordinates a filmed SAIN interview with the DA's Office to minimize impact on the victim.
- Next steps for unit:
 - Improve or fix data tracking process for sexual assaults (Frank Bates, Officer Costa, & Cpt
 - Review and revise policies and procedures related to family services issues, from intake to prosecution.
 - Sgt. Fallon to join unit full time Feb. 1st.

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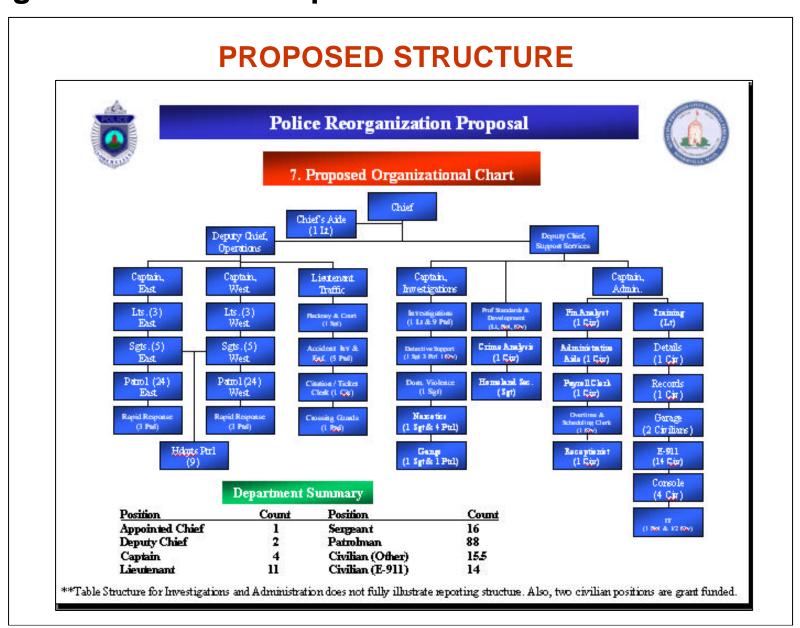
- Working with unions to implement reorganization plan
- Transitioning to geographic-based command structure



8. Organizational Development:



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10. Progress on Administration and Civilianization Goals:

- Revised false alarm ordinance and devised plan for enforcement starting 07/01.
- Civilianized and modernized detail office.
- Hired console operators and placed under Supervision of consolidated Constituent Services Department.

11. Overall we have made significant progress on the Police Advisory Group recommendations:

11. FY06 Goal Review -- Advisory Group Recommendations

- Invest in current police force through updated training, equipment, vehicles, and facilities ONGOING
- Publish updated policies and procedures and a Police Duty Manual IN PROGRESS
- Move to a team or geographic command based policing structure IN PROGRESS
- Develop a hiring and promotion plan DONE
- "Civilianize" positions that do not require police training IN PROGRESS
- 6. Eliminate daily seniority picks IN PROGRESS
- 7. Establish internal "Stat" meetings IN PROGRESS
- Remove the position of Chief of Police from Civil Service IN PROGRESS

The Advisory Group will reconvene on June 26 to review SPD progress over the past year and provide feedback.

POLICE - FY07 Goals

1. Organize Evidence Room

Modernize tracking of evidence through new barcode software to:

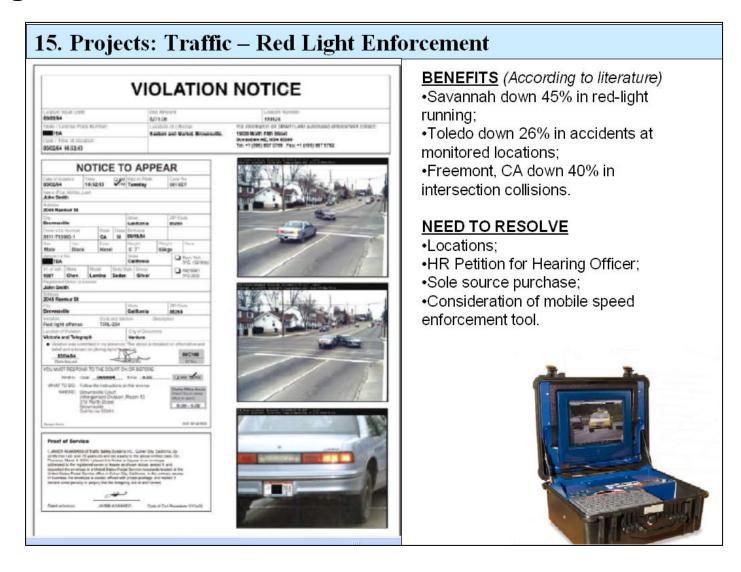
- Preserve necessary evidence
- Purge unnecessary evidence
- Return property to rightful owners

2. Update Policies and Procedures

- Projected Timeline: 3 years, based on experience of Medford Police Department.
- Planning Office currently digitizing all existing policies and procedures.
- All outdated procedures will be reviewed and revised according to CALEA standards.
- New policies and procedures will be written as necessary.
- All policies and procedures will be submitted to Board of Alderman for final review and approval.

POLICE - FY07 Goals

3. Implement Red Light Camera Enforcement at Most Dangerous Intersections



POLICE – FY07 Budget Proposals

1. Promotions and New Hires.

In compliance with the Advisory Group report we submit a proposed re-organization plan which increases personnel as follows:

Captains: Increase from 3 to 6

Lieutenants: Increase from 9 to 11

New Officers: 10 additional officers will be hired

TOTAL COST: \$202,513

2. Improve Evidence Room: This appropriation is requested to organize, systematize, and categorize years of accumulated evidence and property stored in the evidence room at the police department.

TOTAL COST: \$18,000 (personnel only)

3. Increase Overtime Budget: Provide realistic funding for this line item that has been under-funded.

TOTAL COST: \$130,000